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## Wisconsin Residents in Marquette County Can Apply Now for Federal Disaster Assistance

Madison, WI— Homeowners, renters and business owners in Marquette County may now apply for federal disaster assistance for uninsured damage caused by the late summer storms and flooding throughout the state. Crawford, Dane, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Richland, Sauk and Vernon counties were previously designated for Individual Assistance, bringing the total to nine counties in the state of Wisconsin.

Individuals can register in one of the following ways:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov;
- Using the FEMA App; or
- Calling 800-621-3362 (FEMA), including 711 and Video Relay callers. For TTY callers, use 800-462-7585. Call center hours are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. CT, seven days a week. Multilingual operators are available.

Assistance for eligible survivors can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, and for other serious disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses or funeral and burial costs.

When applying for assistance, please have the following information ready:

- Social Security number;
- Address of the location where the damage occurred;
- Current address and phone number;
- Insurance information:
- Total household annual income;
- Routing and account number for your checking or savings account (this allows FEMA to directly transfer disaster assistance funds into your bank account);
- Description of disaster-caused damage and losses.

After registering for disaster assistance, you may be referred to the **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**. In times of disasters, the SBA offers low-interest loans for businesses,

homeowners and renters. There's no obligation to accept a loan, but you may miss out on the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds if you don't submit an application.

Information about low-interest SBA disaster loans and application forms are available online at SBA.gov. You may also call 800-659-2955 or email <u>DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov</u>. If you use TTY, call 800-877-8339.

The last day to apply for FEMA assistance is **December 17, 2018**. For more information about Wisconsin's recovery, visit <u>FEMA.gov/disaster/4402</u>.

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Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (including 711 and Video Relay callers). If you are Deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY, call 800-462-7585 to register. All disaster recovery centers are physically accessible and equipped to accommodate disaster survivors who need communication access. If you require a reasonable accommodations (ASL interpreting, Braille, Large print, etc.) while visiting a Disaster Recovery Center, just ask a FEMA representative.

FEMA's mission is helping people before, during and after a disaster.